

Policy Message 07-02 (C3)

19 January 2007

**SUBJECT: Reenlistment Options**

1. References: AR 601-280, Army Retention Policy, 31 JAN 06
2. Effective 1 October 2006, Reenlistment Options are available to all Soldiers who are within their 24 month reenlistment window. The eligibility for reenlistment options are as follows:

a. **Initial-Term Soldiers:**

(1) Serving in an over strength MOS (N/Y) are limited to the Regular Army Reenlistment Option or the Army Training Reenlistment Option.

(2) Serving in a balanced (N/N) or under strength MOS (Y/N) are eligible for all five reenlistment options. (Regular Army, Current Station Stabilization, Army Training, Overseas Assignment, CONUS Station-of-Choice)

b. **Mid-Career Soldiers:**

(1) Serving in an over strength MOS (N/Y) are limited to the Regular Army Reenlistment Option or the Army Training Reenlistment Option.

(2) Serving in a balanced (N/N) or under strength MOS (Y/N) are eligible for the Regular Army Reenlistment Option, Current Station Stabilization Reenlistment Option, Overseas Assignment Reenlistment Option, CONUS Station-of-Choice Reenlistment Option

(3) As an exception, Soldiers in a balanced MOS (N/N) may request the Army Training Option. Career Counselors must send a hotline to category "Opt 3" requesting a priority MOS listed on RETAIN. RMB will approve/disapprove the request based on Army strengths.

c. **Career Soldiers:**

(1) Are eligible for Regular Army Reenlistment Option only. SSG and above with 10 or more years of AFS on date of discharge must reenlist under the Indefinite Reenlistment Program.

(2) With less than 10 years of AFS on date of discharge may receive mid career options; however, they must reenlist for the prescribed minimum reenlistment period for careerist listed below.

3. Reenlistment Options: Initial Term and Mid- Career Soldiers must have a minimum of 12 months time on station before departing the installation.

a. **Regular Army Reenlistment Option (E-1)** can reenlist for 2 - 6 years.

b. **Current Station Stabilization Reenlistment Option (E-2):**

(1) Initial Term Soldiers - minimum 3 year reenlistment. Guarantees up to 12 months stabilization from date of reenlistment for CONUS based Soldiers or up to 12 months stabilization from DEROS for OCONUS based Soldiers. As an exception, Soldiers in Korea or deployed are authorized to reenlist for 2 years and receive 6 months stabilization from date of reenlistment for CONUS based Soldiers and 6 months stabilization from DEROS for OCONUS based Soldiers.

(2) Mid-Career Soldiers - reenlistments for 2-6 years guarantees up to 12 months stabilization from date of reenlistment for CONUS based Soldiers or up to 12 months stabilization from DEROS for OCONUS based Soldiers.

(3) Career Soldiers who are eligible to receive mid career options (with less than 10 years of AFS on date of discharge) - minimum 3 year reenlistment. Guarantees up to 12 months stabilization from date of reenlistment for CONUS based Soldiers or up to 12 months stabilization from DEROS for OCONUS based Soldiers.

c. **Army Training Reenlistment Option (E-3):**

(1) Initial Term Soldiers - minimum 4 year reenlistment. As an exception, Soldiers requesting retraining into CMF 11, 13, 19, and 21 are authorized to reenlist for a minimum of 3 years

(2) Mid-Career Soldiers - minimum 3 year reenlistment. Soldiers must meet the minimum SRR for new MOS and follow on assignment using a combination of reenlistment and extension; extension will not exceed 11 months.

(3) Career Soldiers who are eligible to receive mid career options (with less than 10 years of AFS on date of discharge) - minimum 4 year reenlistment.

**d. Overseas Assignment Reenlistment Option (E-4):**

(1) Initial Term Soldiers - minimum 4 year reenlistment for a long tour area and 3 years for short tour area. Soldiers must be within 12 months of their date available to move (DEROS, LCM end date, SMTYM, or AEA end date) to obtain "movement-type" options in RETAIN.

(2) Mid-Career Soldiers - may reenlist for the minimum period to meet the SRR for assignment using a combination of reenlistment and extension; extension will not exceed 11 months. Soldiers must be within 12 months of their date available to move (DEROS, LCM end date, SMTYM, or AEA end date) to obtain "movement-type" options in RETAIN.

(3) Career Soldiers who are eligible to receive mid career options (with less than 10 years of AFS on date of discharge) - minimum 4 year reenlistment for a long tour area and 3 years for a short tour area.

**e. CONUS Station-of-Choice Reenlistment Option (E-5):**

(1) Initial Term Soldiers - minimum of 4 year reenlistment. Exception: Soldiers may reenlist for 3 years if they have less than 12 months from contractual ETS. Soldiers must be within 12 months of their date available to move (DEROS, LCM end date, SMTYM, or AEA end date) to obtain "movement-type" options in RETAIN.

(2) Mid-Career Soldiers - may reenlist for the minimum period to meet the SRR for assignment using a combination of reenlistment and extension; extension will not exceed 11 months. Soldiers must be within 12 months of their date available to move (DEROS, LCM end date, SMTYM, or AEA end date) to obtain "movement-type" options in RETAIN.

(3) Career Soldiers who are eligible to receive mid career options (with less than 10 years of AFS on date of discharge) - minimum 4 year reenlistment.

Courtesy of:  
[www.ArmyReenlistment.com](http://www.ArmyReenlistment.com)

**4. Reenlistment Options Exceptions for Soldiers outside the 24 Month Reenlistment Window:**

a. Deployed Initial Term/Mid-Career Soldiers may reenlist for the Regular Army Reenlistment Option or Current Station Stabilization Reenlistment Option, regardless of the strength of their MOS. Deployed Career Soldiers may reenlist for the Regular Army Reenlistment Option. Deployed Career Soldiers are eligible for options if they are reenlisting IAW paragraph 2c (2) above.

b. Initial Term and Mid-Career Soldiers serving in an over strength (N/Y) MOS may request to reenlist for the Army Training Reenlistment Option. Process IAW RMB Message 07-05

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